

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

REVISED

## Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSIONS FOR NINE (9) CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ACTON, GLENDORA, GREEN VALLEY/LEONA VALLEY/ELIZABETH LAKE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA HABRA HEIGHTS, LITTLEROCK/LAKE LOS ANGELES/PEARLAND, MARINA DEL REY/FRANKLIN CANYON, SOUTH WHITTIER, AND WALNUT PARK GRANTED TO ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND/OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES

(1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Approve nine (9) ordinance amendments to extend the term of the cable television franchises through March 31, 2007 in the unincorporated areas of: Acton, Glendora, Green Valley/Leona Valley/Elizabeth Lake, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, Littlerock/Lake Los Angeles/Pearland, Marina del Rey/Franklin Canyon, South Whittier, and Walnut Park.
- 2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinances that implement the above recommendations.
- 3. Find these franchise extensions categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

## **PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adelphia Communications Corporation and/or their subsidiaries have nine (9) cable television franchises with the County that expire on December 31, 2005. Extensions of the current franchise terms through March 31, 2007 allows the County sufficient time to

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amend Title 16, Division 4, of the County Code (Cable Television System Franchises) and negotiate the renewal of these franchises.

Term extensions are requested for the following franchises:

<u>Acton</u>, Ordinance No. 88-0165F, as amended, granted to Adelphia California Cablevision, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;

<u>Glendora</u>, Ordinance No. 89-0146F, as amended, granted to Century-TCl California, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership;

<u>Green Valley/Leona Valley/Elizabeth Lake</u>, Ordinance No. 84-0007F, as amended, granted to Adelphia Communications of California II, LLC;

<u>Hacienda Heights</u>, Ordinance No. 82-0117F, as amended, granted to Century-TCI California, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership;

<u>La Habra Heights</u>, Ordinance No. 86-0113F, as amended, granted to Century-TCI California, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership;

<u>Littlerock/Lake Los Angeles/Pearland</u>, Ordinance No. 85-0145F, as amended, granted to Adelphia Communications of California, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company;

Marina del Rey/Franklin Canyon, Ordinance No. 83-0205F, as amended, granted to Century-TCI California, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership;

<u>South Whittier</u>, Ordinance 83-0087F, as amended, granted to Century-TCI California, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership; and

<u>Walnut Park</u>, Ordinance No. 85-0148F, as amended, granted to Adelphia Communications Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these recommendations will assist in implementing the Countywide Strategic Plan goal of fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the County. These cable television franchises generate revenue to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. §542 (b)) gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The extension of these cable television franchises will allow continued collection of these franchise fees.

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# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinances and approved them as to form. The County has received notification of the Franchisee's intention to transfer this franchise to another entity. This transaction is currently under review. Consent or denial to this transfer request will be presented to the Board for its determination.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The term extension of these cable television franchises is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current services.

## CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Mr. Thomas E. Carlock, Regional Vice President of Law and Public Policy, Adelphia Communications Corporation, 3100 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 9040, Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Department of Public Works, and Department of Consumer Affairs of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr. Director

Enclosures: (9) Ordinances

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Mr. Thomas E. Carlock, Adelphia
Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works